



UPDATE: Roth's Church Road Community Partnership

Directors' Study Forum
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Our Story Thus Far

- During the 2010-2011 school year, the former Middle School was vacated as an educational facility
- The pool area was renovated as the Technology Center
- Spaces in the building were repurposed:
 - Storage
 - Maintenance staff offices and workspace
 - Backup for athletic and extra-curricular activities
- In 2013, Windy Hill Senior Center relocated its offices and expanded its operations

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Why

- There are no plans for the building as an educational facility, nor are there needs for other District use
 - The cost analysis of a renovation is high
- The ongoing maintenance costs and the increasing potential for major renovation are cost-prohibitive for the School District to continue to retain the site in its current condition
- The building itself *has* residual value for other purposes

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More Recently

- Based upon the success of Windy Hill Senior Center, a marked increase in membership and the state's more favorable view of its programs for seniors, consideration over the past several years has included proposed plans to re-purpose the facility as a community center
 - Proposals have been considered with little results due to lack of funding
- Today, a partnership has been formed with SGASD that includes the YMCA, Spring Grove Regional Parks and Recreation Center, and Windy Hill
 - SGRPRC has occupied a portion of the site as of November 2020

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The Plan

- The current prevailing plan calls for the development of the facility into a “Community Center” that would house a YMCA facility, the Windy Hill Senior Center, the SGRPRC operations, and have remaining space available for use by other community-related organizations
- A Peer-to-Peer study was conducted to determine the feasibility of such a plan
 - The study provides support for seeking state and community grant funding
 - The plan includes the District as an occupant (Technology Center)

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The Plan

- Additional discussions have resulted in interest by health organizations to be part of the site
 - Family First
 - Johns Hopkins
- Other considerations/interests include municipal and non-profit organizations as occupants or renters/users of the facility

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Next Steps

- Advocate at the state level for funding opportunities
- Continue to develop the legal process for executing the plan
- Support the solicitation of financial investors
 - Capital Campaign
 - Grants
- Review current uses of the site for District programs and prepare / propose options as alternatives

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